

1 AN ACT concerning veterans homes.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is
5 amended by changing Section 2.01 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/2.01) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 67.01)

7 Sec. 2.01. Any honorably discharged veteran is entitled
8 to admission to an Illinois Veterans Home, if the applicant:

9 (a) (1) Has served in the armed forces of the United
10 States at least 1 day in the Spanish American War, World War
11 I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Viet Nam Campaign,
12 or the Persian Gulf Conflict between the dates recognized by
13 the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or between any other
14 present or future dates recognized by the U.S. Department of
15 Veterans Affairs as a war period, or has served in a hostile
16 fire environment and has been awarded a campaign or
17 expeditionary medal signifying his or her service, for
18 purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home care;
19 or

20 (2) Has (i) served on active duty in the armed forces
21 for one year for purposes of eligibility for domiciliary care
22 only or (ii) served in the National Guard or Reserve Forces
23 of the United States and completed 20 years of satisfactory
24 service, is otherwise eligible to receive reserve or active
25 duty retirement benefits, and has been an Illinois resident
26 for at least one year before applying for admission for
27 purposes of eligibility for domiciliary care only; and

28 (b) Has service accredited to the State of Illinois or
29 has been a resident of this State for one year immediately
30 preceding the date of application; and

31 (c) For admission to the Illinois Veterans Homes at Anna

1 and Quincy, is disabled by disease, wounds, or otherwise and
2 because of the disability is incapable of earning a living;
3 or

4 (d) For admission to the Illinois Veterans Homes at
5 LaSalle and Manteno and for admission to the John Joseph
6 Kelly Veteran's Home, is disabled by disease, wounds, or
7 otherwise and, for purposes of eligibility for nursing home
8 care, requires nursing care because of the disability.

9 (Source: P.A. 91-634, eff. 8-19-99.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
11 January 1, 2002.